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Friday 17 October 2025

9:00 Welcome

- Luc Lavrysen, President of EUFJE, President of the Belgian Constitutional Court, Emeritus Professor Environmental Law Ghent University
- Jacob Graff Nielsen, Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Law, the University of Copenhagen
- Beatriz Martinez Romera, Associate Professor, Head of the Centre for Climate Change Law and Governance, University of Copenhagen

9:30 Recent developments in EU Environmental Policy & Law

Carina Carrillo-Loeda, Deputy Head of Unit ENV.E4, Environmental rule of law and governance, DG Environment, European Commission

10:00 Recent EU case law concerning the Habitats directive - Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora

Christoph Sobotta, Legal Secretary, Chambers of Advocate General Juliane Kokott, Court of Justice of the European Union

10:30 Nature protection relevant case law of the European Court of Human Rights

Natalia Kobylarz, Senior Lawyer, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 The Convention on Biological Diversity, its protocols and COP decisions and recommendations, and emerging biodiversity case law

- Inonge Kwenda Mweene, Legal Officer, Legal and Intergovernmental Affairs Unit, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP): video presentation
- Juliana Almeida, Special Assistant, Law Division, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

12:10 Nature Conservation in the EU – A Scientific Approach

Brian MacSharry, European Environment Agency, Nature and biodiversity

12:35 *Lunch*



13:45 The EU Regulation on Deforestation-free Products - Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2023 on the making available on the Union market and the export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation

Ricarda von Meding, Legal and Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Environment Planetary Common Goods, Universal Values & Environmental Security, DG ENV.F.1, European Commission

14:15 EU Nature Restoration Law - Regulation (EU) 2024/1991 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2024 on nature restoration

Giuseppe Danilo Auricchio, Legal and Policy Officer ENV.E4, Environmental Rule of Law & Governance, European Commission

14:45 Nature restoration: compensating damage to nature with the BIOVAL tool

Farah Bouquelle, Teaching Assistant, Centre for Environmental and Energy Law University of Ghent, Belgium, and Jan Van den Berghe, Honorary Vice-President of the District Court of Ghent, Belgium

15:15 Coffee break

15:45 General report on questionnaires

Beatriz Martinez Romera and Meng Zhang, CLIMA - Centre for Climate Change Law and Governance, University of Copenhagen

16:15 Discussion

17:00 Leave for the restaurant

18:00 Welcome drinks and free time to visit of the Tower of Parliament

19:30 Dinner at Norrlyst i Tårnet



Saturday 18 October 2025

(8:30 EUFJE Board Meeting)

9:00 Spanish case law

Faustino Gudín, Judge, Criminal Court of Segovia, Spain

9:25 French case law

Michel Sastre, 1st Vice-Prosecutor, Responsible for Specialised Chambers, Court of Marseille, France; Member of the French Society of Judges and Prosecutors for Environmental Justice (AFMJE)

9:50 Dutch case law

Aaldert Ten Veen, President of the Environmental Chamber of the Council of State of the Netherlands

10:15 Swedish case law

Christina Olsen Lundh, Senior Judge, Head of Division, General Court of Vänersborg, Land and Environment Court, Sweden

10:40 *Coffee break*

11:10 Danish case law

Birgitte Egelund Olsen, Professor of Environmental, climate & renewable energy law, Chair of the Environment and Food Appeal Board

11:35 Latvian case law

Santa Bernharde, Judge, Riga District Court, Latvia

12:00 Greek case law

Evangelos Christias, Judge at the Court of Appeal of Athens, Justice Counsellor at the Permanent Representation of Greece to the EU in Brussels

12:25 *Light lunch*



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13:10 Nature protection and restoration in wartime, the Ukrainian experience

Hanna Vronska, Judge at the Supreme Court of Ukraine

13:35 Judicial Safeguards for Implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework in China

Liu Xiaofei, Vice President, Senior Judge, Environment and Resources Division, Supreme People's Court of China

13:50 Update on Hungarian Law: the Constitutional Court's Climate decision of 30 June 2025

Marcel Szabó, Judge at the Constitutional Court of Hungary, Professor of international law and European law, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest

14:00 Discussion

14:30 EUFJE General Assembly

15:00 End of Conference



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